



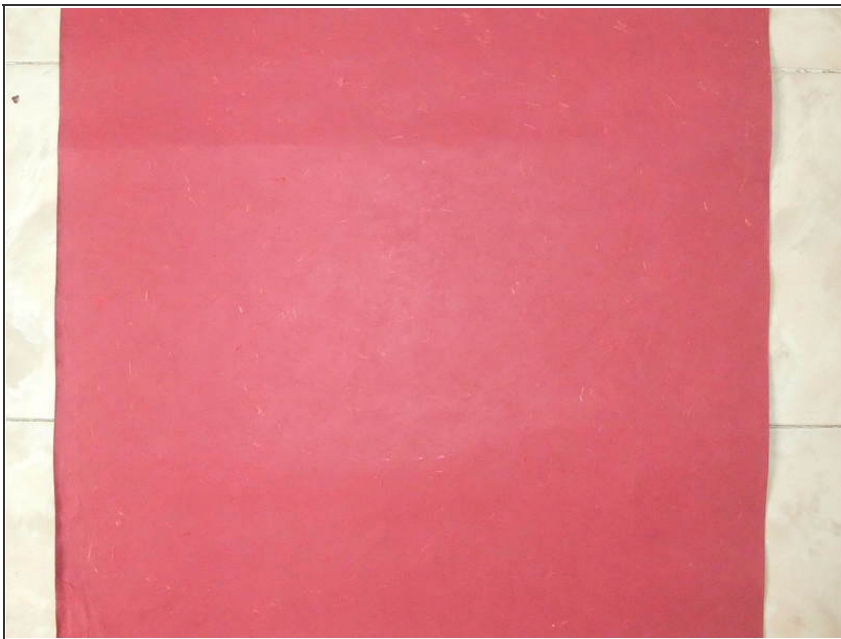
# Origami Letter Holder

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## SUMMARY

Here I am going to show you how to fold a 2-compartment/pocket letter holder through some basic origami folds. This is an easy project so even kids can do it and organize their things better.

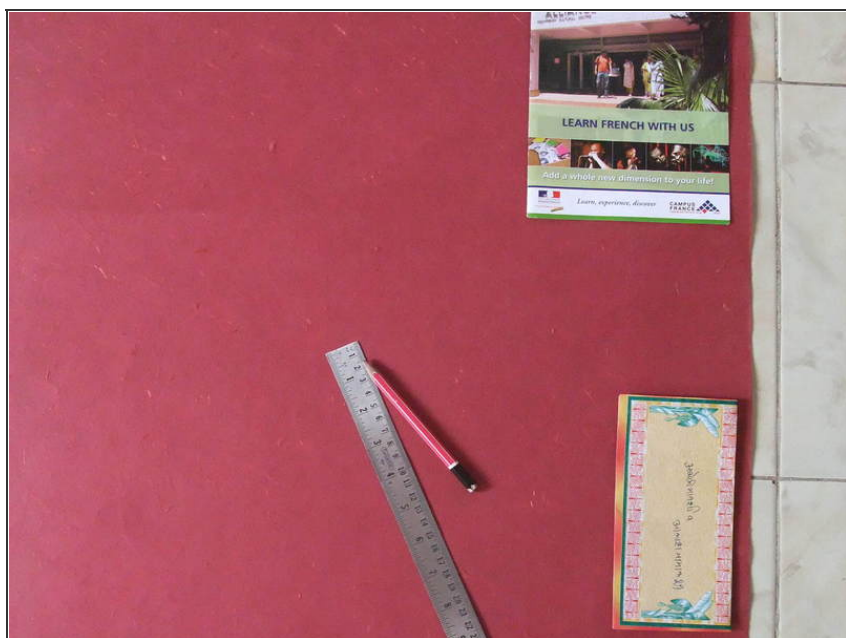
### Step 1 — Origami Letter Holder



#### ● Things Needed

- Handmade paper 23" x 30" [any thick paper will do]
- Double Tape
- Ruler or Measuring Tape
- Marker

## Step 2



### ● Measurements

- Firstly, take a look at the letters/envelopes lying around in your house to get an idea of how deep the compartments/pockets should be.
- With some experimentation I found that pockets with a depth equal to half the length of the letters/envelopes will hold them best.
- I decided to make the top pocket for the bigger letters/envelopes and the lower pocket for the smaller ones.
- Smaller letters/envelopes are of size 6" [approx.] and bigger ones are 8" [approx.].

### Step 3



#### ● Mark and Fold the paper

- Basically, by doing fan-folds on the paper length-wise we should be able to get the basic form in shape. Fan-folds are nothing but alternate mountain & valley folds.
- For the given sizes of letter/envelope, mark the points at the given distances along the length of the paper.
- Make the mountain folds at 6" & 17" along the length of the paper (measurements are from the base).
- Make the valley folds at 9" & 21" along the length of the paper (measurements are from the base).

**Step 4****● Lock the model**

- At this point all 4 edges are open; let us close them.
- Now turn the paper over and valley-fold about 1" of the top and bottom edges.
- For the right edge, valley-fold at an angle so that bottom part (2") is farther inside than the top part (1"). Repeat the same on the left edge.
- Crease firmly. While doing this the side edges will tend to go out, which is OK. This will give an extra bit of room in the pocket.
- You'll find the top corners falling outside the top edge line. Bring the corners inside by tucking them in.
- The letter holder is now ready and should look like an inverted trapezium.
- Dimensions of the finished model are - Top length: 21"; Bottom length: 19"; Height: 13".  
[Note: folding the sides at an angle would give it some interesting shape rather than keeping it just a rectangle.]

## Step 5



- **Stick it!**
  - Put some double-stick tape on the back side and stick it on the wall/door.
  - Your origami letter holder is ready for use!

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